



PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Maurice C. Kemp, et al.

Serial No.:

09/873,755

Filed:

For:

June 4, 2001

HIGHLY ACIDIC METALATED MIXTURE OF INORGANIECEIVED

**ACIDS** 

Group No.:

1616

Examiner:

Frank Choi

DEC 0 4 2003

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 1625** 

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 25, 2003.

<u>Trish Paramore</u>

(Printed or typed name of person signing the certificate)

(Signature of the person signing the certificate)

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2003, and having a shortened statutory period for response expiring November 27, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: